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Dear Sirs,

Re: Draft recommendation for new electoral arrangements of Slough Borough Council

The draft recommendation was discussed at our recent parish council meeting held on 18th day of August 2022. It was unanimously resolved that the Wexham Court Parish Council strongly objects to the recommendation for the proposed **Wexham Court Ward**, on the following grounds:

- 1) There is a distinct community character within our parish when compared to neighbouring communities/wards. The proposed addition of the remainder of Elliman ward is unacceptable as it would destroy this distinct community character, that we took so long to build.
- 2) The name "Wexham Court" cannot be used as a ward name as we do not serve the proposed area and do not wish to extend our parish boundaries without carrying out a consultation, furthermore, the council does not wish to expand into another ward i.e., Elliman and wants to remain a self-contained ward, in the exact same way as Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council is, as there is only a small difference between the ward area and the parish, in this case.

As a result of our objection, we have set out the following two options for your consideration, they are:

Proposal 1: The creation of Wexham Court ward which contains the whole of the Wexham Court Parish Council administrative area, the electorate for this area is currently 3,826. This is 287 less than the Colnbrook with Poyle Ward which covers almost all of the Colnbrook with Poyle parish area, which has a total of 4,113 electorate.

Please see map, to the right, of proposal 1 which is outlined in orange.



Proposal 2: We understand that the Wexham Court parish area might not have enough electorate to form its own ward being somewhat 287 electorate shy, using the same standards applied to Colnbrook with Poyle ward, however, if we apply the same criteria, we would only require 287 electorate more to form our own ward, therefore, we propose the addition of Mirador Crescent and Coperfield Terrace which has circa 332 electorate to be included into the Wexham Court ward, giving us a total electorate of 4,158. This provides a more uniform and logical form to the boundary, giving a sense of place and distinctiveness which must be maintained at all costs.

Please see map, to the right, of proposal 2 which is outlined in orange.



In conclusion, as a parish council we feel strongly about our distinctive environment and community that we have created and the significant increase in the proposed ward size into an area that has no link to the previous ward structure, jeopardises this unequivocally. The sense of feeling and place of belonging created by us in Wexham Lea ward is well known and has never spread into Elliman ward nor do we plan to, therefore, we shall be extremely grateful if you could implement one of the two proposals suggested above, as the new ward for the Borough of Slough. If any of the two options are implemented then we'd recommend that the ward name be "Wexham Court".

We look forward to hearing from you the safe receipt of our objection and implementing one of the two, above proposals in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

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Clerk
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